

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE
AUTHORITY, HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF MAY 2010, 7:00 P.M., COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT
CENTER, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:**

PRESENT:	Gary Creed	-Chair
	Mary Biggs	-Secretary-Treasurer
	Annette Perkins	-Member
	John Muffo	-Member
	William Brown	-Member
	Doug Marrs	-Member
	Robert C. Fronk	-PSA Director
	Linda Pendleton	-Secretary to Board
	Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	Marty McMahon	-County Attorney
	Malvin Wells	-Planning Commission
ABSENT:	James Politis	-Vice Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Creed called this meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

DELEGATION

Steve Rawlings, VACo Risk Management Programs, discussed no-fault coverage options and associated premium costs for the upcoming year's coverage.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SESSION

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mary Biggs, seconded by William Brown, and carried, IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Public Service Authority hereby approves the Consent Agenda, dated May 3, 2010.

The vote on the foregoing motion is as follows:

AYE	NAY	ABSENT
John Muffo		James Politis
Annette Perkins		
William Brown		
Doug Marrs		
Mary Biggs		
Gary Creed		

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
DATED APRIL 5, 2010**

On a motion by Mary Biggs, seconded by William Brown, and carried, IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Public Service Authority hereby approves the minutes dated April 5, 2010.

INTO WORK SESSION

On a motion by Annette Perkins, seconded by Mary Biggs, and carried; IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Public Service Authority hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

FY 2010-2011 Budget

The vote on the foregoing motion is as follows:

AYE	NAY	ABSENT
John Muffo		James Politis
Annette Perkins		
William Brown		
Doug Marrs		
Mary Biggs		
Gary Creed		

OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by Mary Biggs, seconded by John Muffo, and carried; IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Public Service Authority hereby ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion is as follows:

AYE	NAY	ABSENT
John Muffo		James Politis
Annette Perkins		
William Brown		
Doug Marrs		
Mary Biggs		
Gary Creed		

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for period ending April 30, 2010 was presented for review and discussion.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report included the following items:

1. Monthly Activities Report
The April 2010 report was presented for review.

2. **Blacksburg-VPI Sanitation Authority Billing Comparison Report**
The Blacksburg-VPI Sanitation Authority (BVPIISA) commissioned Olver Inc. to perform a sewer flow study to evaluate the current billing procedures. The report from the study was presented during their April 20, 2010 meeting and presented for the PSA's review. The BVPIISA plans to continue to study sewer flows for several more months before considering billing modifications.
This report verifies the great disparity to which the PSA is being held under the current billing agreement.
3. **Ironto/North Fork Road Water Line Extension Project**
The PSA Chair and Director met with the property owner who has been reluctant to grant an easement needed for the project. The property owner indicated that he had been in recent contact with the developer, and the developer stated that it may be possible to go around the property. With this information, it was determined that the developer and property owner should work out any easement issues.
4. **Norfolk Southern Railroad Crossing Permits**
The contractor for Norfolk Southern Railway, AECOM responded to our request to convert the 10 annual utility crossing permit fees to a one-time payment. The current annual permit fees are \$1,308.50.
AECOM proposed a one-time payment of \$26,060 which is about 20 times the annual permit fee. A copy of the correspondence was presented. They also indicated that it may be possible to split the fee up for payment over 2 fiscal years.
5. **Customer Injury Claim**
The Authority received a customer complaint relative to a leak at their water meter, and upon responding to the site, the customer stated that she had fallen inside the meter box. The customer followed up with an injury claim, which the PSA turned over to our insurance carrier, VACo. VACo denied the claim after review and suggested that the customer contact her homeowners' insurance provider.
6. **Prices Fork Water System Switchover to Backup Water Supply**
The PSA continues to use the backup water supply from the Town of Blacksburg for the Prices Fork Water System. On December 23, 2009, the PSA switched over to the backup water supply from the Town of Blacksburg as the RAAP was unable to overcome their water system leaks while maintaining adequate supply to the PSA. The Prices Fork water system daily water usage is about 130,000 gallons per day (gpd) or about 6.5 % of the RAAP water treatment facility's permitted capacity of 2,000,000 gpd.
RAAP personnel indicated during recent discussions that they expect to be able to provide adequate water supply for the PSA sometime in May 2010.
7. **Christiansburg Water and Sewer Agreements**
All original water and sewer agreements between the Town of Christiansburg, Montgomery County and PSA expired in January or February 2008. The agreements were extended with the expiration date of January 16, 2011 in order to resolve the Joinder Study with the Blacksburg-Christiansburg-VPI Water Authority.
Preliminary discussions were initiated between the Christiansburg Assistant Town Manager and Director to outline new agreement conditions that would be used as a starting point for further negotiations.
A draft water and sewer agreement was sent to the Christiansburg Assistant Town Manager March 8, 2010 for review and comment. A response has not yet been received.
8. **Warm Hearth Sewer Pump Station Replacement Project**
The electrician completed his work in early April and AEP installed the new electrical service during the third week of April. The pump station start-up was performed April 22, 2010, and the new pump station was placed into service that day. Unfortunately the next morning, the pump controller malfunctioned and staff had to place the old pump station back into service. System diagnostics were done by the vendor on April 26, 2010 which identified a faulty component. The component was replaced on April 28 and the new pump station was again placed into service.

- Final site restoration, fence installation and removal of the old pump station components are remaining to complete the project.
9. Meter Reader / Maintenance Worker Position
The Authority received over 80 applications for the position. This is our first job opening using the new on-line application process. We had to receive training on the on-line application process before we could proceed to interviewing. We are currently in the process of scheduling and conducting interviews.
 10. PVC Pipe Class Action Suit
The Authority received notice of a class action suit against one of the PVC pipe manufacturers by the State of Virginia. It is estimated that this manufacturer's market share in Virginia is about 70% of all PVC pipe. This case alleges that the manufacturer knowingly marketed and sold substandard pipe and that the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions are "entitled to compensation for the false representations." Staff will determine if we have the pipe in question and if we should become a party to the action.
 11. Bethel Sewer Flume Issue
Staff has been working on inflow and infiltration (I&I) corrections in this system since the fall of 2009. At the end of March 2010, operators stopped the flow to the sewer flume/meter by plugging the upstream sewer manhole and found a rock stuck within the device. It appears that the rock has been in the flume for some time and may have been falsely increasing the measured flow by as much as 30 gallons per minute. Radford has been informed of the situation and staff has agreed to collect sewer readings from the flume during April 2010 for review and consideration for billing adjustments.
 12. Rock Road Utility Agreement
This agreement has not yet been finalized. The County Attorney has been working with Radford's attorney on the agreement.
The property owner who had been interested in public utilities in this area has recently indicated that they now plan to use a well and on-lot septic system for their property.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS' REPORT

There were no reports from Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned this meeting to the next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2010.